



Friday, Saturday, & Sunday
 April 18th, 19th, and 20th, 2008
 Santee, South Carolina

Welcome!

Come experience the birding wonders of the Santee region in central South Carolina! With a variety of places to see and explore, there will be plenty for all to enjoy. Whether you are coming to sharpen your birding skills or just enjoy some wonderful Spring weather, please plan to join us for the first Santee Birding and Nature Festival.

Here are a few of the places that will be featured:

- Audubon Center at Beidler Forest
- Brosnan Forest
- Congaree National Park
- Lakes Marion and Moultrie
- Manchester State Forest
- Poinsett State Park
- Santee National Wildlife Refuge
- Santee State Park
- Upper and Lower Santee Swamp
- Wannamaker Preserve Audubon Sanctuary

Keynote Speaker

One of South Carolina's most well renowned naturalists, Dr. Rudy Mancke, will be the keynote speaker at a dinner on Friday night. Dr. Mancke's enthusiastic and charismatic demeanor, combined with his knowledge of the natural world has earned him awards, nationwide. Dr. Mancke has the ability to educate with unparalleled enthusiasm, so register early for this truly wonderful evening. Seating is limited!



Activities

In addition to birding trips, there will be guided canoe and kayak trips in the Upper and Lower Santee Swamp and the Audubon Center at Francis Beidler Forest, butterfly walks, wildlife photography workshops, behind-the-scenes tours of Santee National Wildlife Refuge, conservation exhibits, music, food, and fun!



A Celebration of Nature in Central South Carolina

Field Trips

All start times are based on departure from the Santee Cultural Arts Center. Carpooling is encouraged.

Audubon Center at Beidler Forest and Brosnan Forest:

Saturday, 7:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Sunday, 7:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Old-growth bald cypress swamp, old-growth longleaf pine forest. Easy access to the swamp on a boardwalk. Target species include Prothonotary Warbler, Swainson's Warbler, Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, Red-cockaded Woodpecker, Bachman's Sparrow. Easy walking.

Audubon Center at Beidler Forest Canoe and Kayak Excursion:

Saturday, 1:00—5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

**drought dependent activity*

Old-growth bald cypress swamp. Easy paddle through sanctuary swamp. Target species include Prothonotary Warbler, Swainson's Warbler, and Yellow-crowned Night-Heron.

Congaree National Park:

Sunday, 7:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.



Old-growth floodplain forest. Easy access on two-mile long boardwalk. Target species include Prothonotary Warbler, Kentucky Warbler, Swainson's Warbler, Pileated Woodpecker, Yellow-throated Vireo, migrant warblers. Easy walking.

Manchester State Forest and Poinsett State Park:

Friday, 1:00—5:00 p.m.

Saturday, 7:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Sunday, 7:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.



Longleaf pine forest, ponds, wooded ravines, floodplain forest. Target species include Red-cockaded Woodpecker, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Louisiana Waterthrush, Swainson's Warbler, Kentucky Warbler, Yellow-throated Vireo, Broad-winged Hawk, Mississippi Kite, migrant warblers, River Frog. Auto tour with some walking.

Santee-Cooper Lakes Sampler:

Friday, 1:00—5:00 p.m.



Selected areas on Lake Marion and Lake Moultrie, east of Santee (Eutaw Springs). Lakeshore, mixed woods, marsh, agricultural fields. Target species include Bald Eagle, White Ibis, shorebirds, Osprey. Auto tour with some walking.

Santee National Wildlife Refuge—Bluff Unit:

Friday, 1:00—5:00 p.m.

Saturday, 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Mixed woods, agricultural fields, marsh, lakeshore. Target species include Painted Bunting, King Rail, Least Bittern, Bald Eagle, migrant warblers. Moderate walking.

Field Trips (Continued)

Santee National Wildlife Refuge—Cuddo Unit:

Friday, 1:00—5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. (*behind-the-scenes tour*)

Swamp woods, weedy fields, marshes, lakeshore. Target species include Painted Bunting, Mississippi Kite, Wild Turkey, Wood Duck, Acadian Flycatcher, American Alligator. Auto tour road with some walking.

Santee National Wildlife Refuge—Pine Island Unit:

Friday, 1:00—5:00 p.m.

Saturday, 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

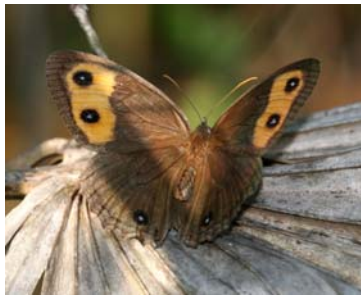
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Weedy fields, marsh, lakeshore. Target species include King Rail, Least Bittern, Marsh Wren, Common Moorhen, American Coot, Bald Eagle, American Alligator. Moderate walking.

Santee National Wildlife Refuge—Butterflies:

Saturday, 1:00—5:00 p.m.

This walk around Santee National Wildlife Refuge will give you an introduction to the butterflies of central South Carolina. Easy walking.



Santee State Park:

Friday, 1:00—5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Mixed woods, lakeshore. Target species include Red-headed Woodpecker, Wild Turkey, migrant warblers. Easy walking.

Santee Swamp Canoe and Kayak Excursion:

Saturday, 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**drought dependent activity*

Discover areas of the Upper or Lower Santee Swamp. Depending on water levels at the time of the festival, canoe and kayak excursions will lead into areas of the Santee River, Sparkleberry Swamp, Wadboo Creek, or Echaw Creek.



Wannamaker Preserve Audubon Sanctuary:

Saturday, 1:00—5:00 p.m.

Mixed woods, floodplain forest, wooded ravines. Target species include Louisiana Waterthrush, Swainson's Warbler, Hooded Warbler, migrant warblers, Harvester butterfly. Moderate walking.





Demonstration

Saturday, 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Since the 1960's, there has been a general decline of the Painted Bunting throughout its range. It is estimated that in the last 30 years, over 55% of the original total population has been lost. Their desirability as caged birds, loss of habitat, and brood parasitism are considered to be the main causes for decline.

Join biologists from the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) for a demonstration of their Painted Bunting Observer Team work at the Santee Cultural Arts Center. Assisted by a group of "citizen scientists", biologists from the SCDNR and the University of North Carolina at Wilmington are working on strategies to sustain the Eastern population of the Painted Bunting throughout the Carolinas. Biologists have been banding Painted Buntings throughout the coastal plain of North Carolina and South Carolina and are now working to track and monitor those populations.



Wildlife Photography Workshop

Saturday, 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Professional photographer Larry Price and his wife Rosie Price will conduct this one-on-one digital photography workshop. A South Carolina native, Larry began photographing at any early age. His love for the outdoors has always played a large part in his subject matter. Larry was one of the first freelance nature photographers to have his photos published in the South Carolina Wildlife Calendar. He was also first place finisher in the 2003 National Wild Turkey Federation photo contest.

During the workshop, there will be time spent in a classroom setting followed by one-on-one experience in the field. Participants will need to bring their own photography equipment. Space is limited so register early.

Wildlife & Nature Exhibition

Saturday, 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

The Santee Cultural Arts Center will be the center of activity for those not venturing out into the field. We will have exhibitors from various conservation organizations, as well as children's activities, music, food, and fun! So, if you are not scheduled for any trips, come have an exciting time at the Santee Cultural Arts Center, conveniently located on Brooks Boulevard off of Hwy. 15 in Santee.



How to register

Complete the Registration Form and mail with full payment to Santee National Wildlife Refuge (address below). Sorry, no credit cards accepted. Payment is by cash or check only. Checks should be made payable to: *The Friends of Santee National Wildlife Refuge*.

Mailing address:

Santee National Wildlife Refuge
2125 Fort Watson Road
Summerton, South Carolina 29148
Attention: Santee Birding and Nature Festival

All events are individually priced as marked on the Registration Form and should be paid accordingly. Children 16 and under are admitted free with registered adult. Most field trips are limited to the first 25 participants. If a trip is full, we will contact you to schedule you for an alternate field trip.

Registration packets containing your event tickets and other information may be picked up starting Friday, April 18th at the Santee Cultural Arts Center. Registration booth hours: Friday, April 18th, 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Saturday, April 19th, 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 20th, 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Cancellations and Refunds

If your registration is cancelled by April 4th, 2008, you will receive a full refund. Cancellations between April 5th and April 17th will receive a 50% refund. Beginning April 18th, no refunds will be issued.

The Santee Birding and Nature Festival reserves the right to cancel any activity of the festival or substitute qualified presenters as necessary. If we cancel an event for any reason, a full refund will be issued.

Name(s) _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____
Zip Code _____
E-mail _____
Phone() _____

Please note, all contact information you provide us will be used only for contact and confirmation of your participation in this festival. If you wish to receive future e-mails or mailings regarding the Santee Birding and Nature Festival, please indicate by checking this box. ☐

Checklist

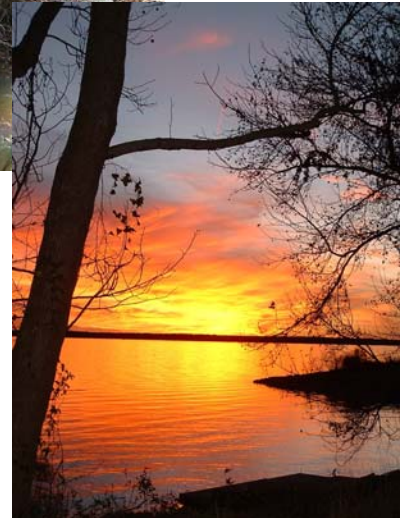
- Have you checked off your activity preferences on the Registration Form?
- Have you indicated the correct number(s) of participants?
- Have you included your payment?
- Have you provided us with an e-mail address?
Providing us with an e-mail address will assist us with paperless communications, helping us to stay as carbon neutral as possible! Your cooperation is appreciated!
- Questions? (803)478-2217 or
kay_mccutcheon@fws.gov



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Registration Form

# tickets	Event Time	Friday, April 18th	Fee	Total
	12:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Registration – Santee Cultural Arts Center		
	1:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Santee NWR (Bluff Unit)	\$10	
	1:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Santee NWR (Cuddo Unit)	\$10	
	1:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Santee NWR (Pine Island Unit)	\$10	
	1:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Manchester State Forest and Poinsett State Park	\$10	
	1:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Santee State Park	\$10	
	1:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Santee-Cooper Lakes Sampler	\$10	
	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Keynote Speaker Event & Dinner, Holiday Inn, Santee <i>Registration packets will be available for pickup at this event.</i>	\$35	
		Saturday, April 19th		
	7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration – Santee Cultural Arts Center		
	8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Early bird “healthy” hike – Santee Cultural Arts Center	FREE	
	7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Audubon Center at Beidler Forest and Brosnan Forest	\$10	
	7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Santee Swamp Canoe and Kayak Excursion	\$25	
	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Santee NWR (Bluff Unit)	\$10	
	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Santee NWR (Pine Island Unit)	\$10	
	7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Manchester State Forest and Poinsett State Park	\$10	
	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Wildlife & Nature Exhibition – Santee Cultural Arts Center	FREE	
	1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Wildlife Photography Workshop	\$45	
	1:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Wannamaker Preserve Audubon Sanctuary	\$10	
	1:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Santee NWR – Butterflies	\$10	
	1:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Audubon Center at Beidler Forest Canoe and Kayak Excursion	\$20/adult \$12/child (10-18)	
		Sunday, April 20th		
	7:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Registration – Santee Cultural Arts Center		
	7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Congaree National Park	\$10	
	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Santee NWR (Bluff Unit)	\$10	
	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Santee NWR (Cuddo Unit) <i>Featuring behind-the-scenes tour</i>	\$10	
	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Santee NWR (Pine Island Unit)	\$10	
	7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Manchester State Forest and Poinsett State Park	\$10	
	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Santee State Park	\$10	
	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Wildlife Photography Workshop	\$45	
	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Audubon Center at Beidler Forest Canoe and Kayak Excursion	\$20/adult \$12/child (10-18)	
	7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Audubon Center at Beidler Forest and Brosnan Forest	\$10	
		Event totals		



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